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In re Application of :
SCHLEGEL et al. : LETTER REGARDING
Application No. 10/071,138 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filed: February 8, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. 0112300-742 :

This letter is in response to the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)," filed January 8, 2008, which is properly treated as a request that the determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be reviewed for accuracy in accordance with applicants' duty of good faith and candor to the Office. Applicants state that the patent term adjustment should be corrected from 479 days to 444 days.

The request for review of the determination of patent term adjustment is GRANTED to the extent indicated herein.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 443 days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On December 10, 2007, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 479 days. On January 8, 2008, applicants submitted the instant comment.

Applicants assert that the patent term adjustment should be reduced by 35 days for the period of time in excess of three months that was taken to reply to an Office action. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). Specifically, applicants state that a Request for

Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on July 6, 2005, in excess of the three-month period from the mailing date of the final Office action on March 1, 2005.

Applicants' assertion is well taken. The period of adjustment of the term of the patent should be reduced by 35 days, the number of days in the period beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the final Office action, June 2, 2005, and ending on the date the RCE was filed, July 6, 2005. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Additionally, a review of the application history reveals that applicants filed a RCE on Monday, May 7, 2007,¹ three months and one day after the date of the mailing of the final Office action on February 6, 2007. As applicants failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the application within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.704(b), an additional period of reduction of one day is warranted.

In view thereof, the correct patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **443 days** (632 days of Office delay - 189 days of applicant delay).

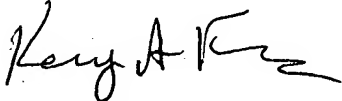
As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). Therefore, the \$200.00 fee submitted on January 8, 2008, will be refunded to the Deposit Account. The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

Applicants are reminded that any delays by the Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) and 1.702(b) and any applicant delays under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) will be calculated at the time of the issuance of the patent and applicants will be notified in the Issue Notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance.

¹ The Office notes that the calculation of applicant delay is based on the date of receipt of a response in the Office. 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(C)(ii) does not require that a reply be filed in the Office within its three (3) month grace period, but simply specifies that there is a patent term adjustment reduction if a reply is not filed within this three (3) month period. Therefore, the "carry-over" provisions of 35 U.S.C. 21(b) do not apply to the three (3) month period in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(C)(ii).

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. This matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Christina Tartera Donnell, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3211.



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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/071138

Application Filing Date:	02/08/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	632
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	153
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	443
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